



Provider Communication

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Dear Providers,

In an effort to identify and enroll Medicaid eligible newborns more efficiently into the correct Care Management Organization (CMO) and/or Fee-for-service Medicaid, the Department will require providers to obtain a Medicaid identification number within forty-eight (48) hours of the newborn infant's birth. The following providers are able to request Medicaid identification numbers for newborns:

- Hospitals
- Physicians
- Nurse Midwife
- Nurse Practitioner
- Health check Provider
- Pharmacy
- Health Department
- Durable Medical Equipment Provider
- Birthing Center

For newborns delivered at hospitals, the hospital should obtain the Medicaid identification numbers. If the hospital fails to obtain newborn certification, it is imputed to the provider rendering services to the newborn member. Providers are encouraged to verify whether a newborn member identification number has already been requested and/or issued prior to entering newborn request to prevent duplicate identification numbers.

Providers are currently able to make request on-line which will yield a Medicaid identification number immediately. Manual request can be faxed or phoned into ACS upon completion of the Newborn Certification form.

Sincerely,

The Department of Community Health